

CLAIMS:

1. An assessment system that includes:
 - a. means for presenting a subject or operator with a measurement item;
 - b. a recorder that records and stores observed events associated with said measurement item with a data track of event data sequenced by a time track of time data; and
 - c. indexing software that enters an index mark into a database with at least one field denoting a measurement item and associated with time data for associated observed event.
2. An assessment system according to claim 1 wherein said means for presenting a subject or operator with a measurement item includes a programmable computer having a central processing unit, a storage system, and an output display.
3. An assessment system according to claim 1 wherein said means for presenting a subject or operator with a measurement item includes a written document or a video display.
4. An assessment system according to claim 1 wherein said means for presenting a subject or operator with a measurement item includes a video player and a video display.
5. An assessment system according to claim 1 wherein said recorder is a digital recorder.
6. An assessment system according to claim 1 wherein said recorder is an analog recorder that produces an analog recording which is then digitized.

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7. An assessment method including the following steps:
 - a. presenting a measurement item to a subject or operator;
 - b. making a record of at least one event associated with said measurement item, said record having a event data track of event data sequenced by a time track of time data; and
 - c. indexing said record by entering time data from said data track and a measurement item identifier therefor into associated fields on computer database.
8. An assessment method according to claim 7 wherein measurement items are presented to said subject or operator by a computer and a computer display.
9. An assessment method according to claim 7 wherein the subject is presented with measurement items by an assessor at an interview.
10. An assessment method according to claim 7 wherein the subject is presented with measurement items by displaying images on a video display.
11. An assessment method according to claim 7 wherein said record is a digital recording of observed events.
12. An assessment method according to claim 7 further comprising: augmenting said computer database by adding information to said database that relates to said event field without changing the relationship of said time data to said event data.
13. An assessment method according to claim 7 wherein the indexing is performed automatically as an operator proceeds from one measurement item to another.

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